[*English*]

**Bi-Lingual Computer Processing Facility in Indian Missions**

6715. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the Indian missions abroad have bi-lingual computer processing facility; if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, whether there is any proposal to start any time-bound programme to provide bi-lingual computing facility and training in Indian missions abroad; and

(c) whether there are adequate computing facilites and technical manpower support to ensure full bi lingual computerisation and development of advanced technology and strategic information Data base to provide right kind of information to right kind of agencies in India without loss of time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c), The requisite facilites and training are being provided in a phased manner and on a case by case basis keeping in view all aspects of Government's need for relevant information in a timely fashion.

[*Translation*]

**T.V. Serial 'Krishna'**

6716. SHRI PANDURANG PUNDLIK FUNDKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether approval to make serial 'Krishna' for Doordarshan has been sought by any producer;

(b) if so, the time by which the approval is likely to be accorded; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). Doordarshan has received a proposal for a T.V. Serial titled "Krishna" for approval under its new sponsorship scheme. Doordarshan has initiated the examination of the proposals received under this scheme.

[*English*]

**Application Of Science And Technology For Poor**

6717. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be please to state:

(a) the application of science and technology in relation to improvement of quality of life of people living below the poverty line;

(b) whether any practical application have been attempted; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with th results of such applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) In order to demonstrate the efficacy of science & technology inputs to bring about improvement in the quality of life of the rural masses, Government have launched projects with the objectives of generating employment, achieving enhanced income and bringing about reduction of drudgery.